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Left to right: Benn E. Broadbent, Clinton D. Vernon, Laun Mason, Wesley Peterson, Reed D. Andrew, Ralph M. Davey.

## Sugarhouse Has Seven New Life Members

by Wesley N. Peterson

At the December 21st meeting of the Sugarhouse Chapter, held in the Panorama Room at the University of Utah, seven Life Members were inducted into the National Organization.

Reed D. Andrew, president of the Sugarhouse Chapter, has the honor of being the One Thousandth Life Member to be inducted into the National Organization. Others receiving their Life Memberships are Wesley N. Peterson, vice president — member acquisition; Ralph M. Davey, past president; Benn E. Broadbent, vice president-elect; and Phares T. Horman, Laun H. Mason, and Clinton D. Vernon. W. Kent Ince received his Life Membership at the November meeting.

At the present time the Sugarhouse Chapter consists of 70 couples, seven widowers, and ten

widows of former members. Of the 77 members, one-third are now Life Members. This idea was prompted by the letter sent out by the National Organization, encouraging wives of present members to give their husbands a Life Membership for Christmas at a 10% discount as long as it was done before the year's end. It worked, in our case.

Wallace Bates, national vice president, presented the awards.

The Sugarhouse Chapter was organized in 1946, with Wendell J. Ashton as the first president. From the beginning, this chapter has been project-oriented. In that early period "The Old Prison Site" disposition was still being debated by the Legislature and other community groups.

It was at this time that the Officers of the Sugarhouse Chapter, in particular, added their support and the membership, to acquire this property for a park. The Sugarhouse Park Authority was established and acquired the property. It is one of the finest parks in Salt Lake City.



## The Cover

An unrelenting series of snowstorms along the Wasatch Front during December has created new patterns for familiar settings.

This view of the mouth of Parley's Canyon, with the upper balcony of SUP National Headquarters in the foreground, was taken from (inside) Heritage Hall.

Snow drifted against the window and was piled high on a pair of picnic benches placed there during sunnier, warmer times.

Photo and cover design by Lorry E. Rytting



## New Year is a Time for Thinking Back; Looking Ahead

It is a time of new beginnings for us all. We have a fresh new year and, in most cases, we have a new group of officers in each chapter. Now is the time to start achieving the goals that each of you have set for your chapters. Our thanks go to the retiring officers for a year of great accomplishment.

The past year, under the guidance of President Glen Lloyd, has been a tremendous success. I wish to thank him for the leadership he has given us. One only has to take time to view what has been accomplished in the Pioneer Room and the adjoining kitchen, restrooms and the conference rooms to see the leadership he has shown.

Of course, this has not been a one-man accomplishment. I wish to thank Jack Neilsen and Phil Robbins for their work in supervising and the installation of the electrical system

and all the remodeling.

And none of these improvements could have been achieved if you members of the chapters had not given us many hours of free labor and had not many of the chapters contributed liberally of funds to meet our obligations to the suppliers of material that was needed. Since the improvements have started we have been able to pay off over \$30,000 in bills.

I wish to thank each of you for the support given me since I became president. It has been gratifying to see your work in furthering our Life Membership program. It has taken a long time but I am proud to report that we now have 1,012 Life Members. This is an increase of 28 new members since the encampment.

Now is the time to start showing your friends what the SUP has to offer. It would be wonderful if each of



us made a resolution to bring just one friend or relative into membership. We could use many more chapters. Some existing chapters are getting quite large and the addition of new chapters in their area could help to create more opportunities for leadership and activity by reducing their size.

I would like to wish every member a happy and satisfying new year filled with much success. I pray that you will have the blessings of our Father in heaven in all your righteous undertakings.

*Glen L. Greenwood*

### Pres.-Elect Verl Petersen Guest Speaker at Golden Spike Chapter

President-Elect Verl Petersen was the guest speaker at the November meeting for Golden Spike Chapter.

President Petersen's text was "What Lies Ahead for SUP." He congratulated the chapter members on their achievement in recruiting new members, not only for the number but also for the range of ages of the members.

Young men are active in the chapter and are making fine contributions.

Because the officers have had a short year since they were elected or appointed, they accepted National Vice President Sam Gordon's request to continue in their office assignments for 1984.

The chapter officers will meet soon to set up an ambitious activity program for 1984.

### Chapter, Individual Donors Tallied

On the first of October, National President Glen Greenwood asked Executive Secretary Jack Neilsen to have each person donating time in the Pioneer Room remodeling to sign-in and list the hours worked.

Since that time there have been 233 hours donated. This may not be complete and we apologize if your name does not appear.

This reflects just those signing. It does not cover the many hours donated in the office, library, Mormon Battalion and the Pioneer staff. Our thanks go to each of you for a job well done.

Hours by Chapters		Hours
Canyon Rim/Heritage	.....	88 1/2
East Mill Creek	.....	58
Beehive	.....	48
Oquirrh Mountain	.....	38
Sugarhouse	.....	34
East Mill Creek Mills	.....	28
At Large	.....	14

Holladay	.....	13
Non-Members	.....	7
Taylorsville-Bennion	.....	4

#### Hours by Members

Clyde Collett, 38; Phil Robbins, 34; Jack Nielsen, 29; Jim Tellford, 26 1/2; Lou Henroid, 20; Harold Dangerfield, 15; Jed Hart, 15; Willis Chatterton, 14 1/2; Dick Steed, 13; Jean McDonough, 13.

Francis Partridge, 10 1/2; Joe Fisher, 14; Milt Widdison, 9; Mott Farnsworth, 8; Steven Nielsen, 8; Paul Child, 7; Julian Rasmussen, 6 1/2; Jim Magleby, 6; J. Fred Wright, 6; Enos Howard, 4; and Ken Schow, 4.

Varian Smart, 4; Jack Hoggan, 4; Wayne Collett, 3 1/2; Clay Fike, 3; Vern Hardy, 3; Duane Wright, 3; Elmo Stevens, 2 1/2; Bill Barker, 2 1/2; Charles Alley, 2 1/2; Eldon Rasmussen, 2; and Edward McDonald, 2.



# RATTLESNAKES: Real Life and Tall Tales Enrich Lore of Pioneers

by William W. Slaughter  
City Creek Chapter

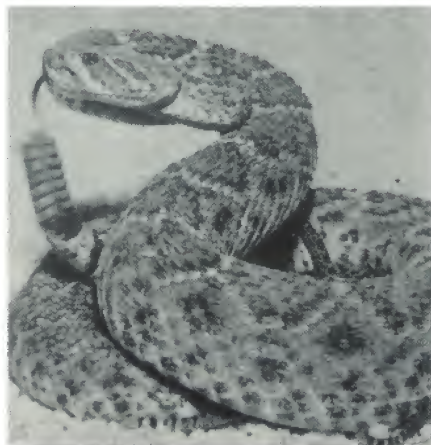
Old England had its dragons. Romania had its vampires. And there have been the classic werewolves, scaly giants, and a whole sundry of monsters.

But here in America, being a down-to-earth people, we started with a real creature and then "tall-tailed" it up to the monster level. Our monster is the rattlesnake. Many a tall tale has been related about this slithering reptile.

In 1778 Jonathon Carver reported in his book, *Travels Through the Interior Parts of North America*, that the victim of a rattler's bite takes on the color of the snake; and that the snakes are charmed into harmlessness by music.

In 1881 a rattlesnake was reported to have attacked a horse pulling a rancher's wagon. While this may seem reasonable, the story goes on to relate that the rattler dragged the horse and wagon on to the edge of a gulch and there tethered the horse by hitching itself around the animal's leg and a tree. For extra purchase the snake drove its fangs into the tree trunk. The astonished rancher finally gained the upper hand by shooting the reptile; he said that it measured 12 feet.

In the early 1900s, prospectors in Arizona reported a 14-footer along the Mexican border in the Huachuca Mountains. Apparently, it had the unpleasant habit of chasing after the prospectors, running them into their cabins and laying seige to them.



Even our Latter-day Saint pioneers talked about 12-foot rattlers jumping 272 feet to bite a victim.

## Pioneers Afraid

However tall these tales may have been, the pioneers related them because of a deep-felt concern for the true dangers these snakes posed in both travel and settlement.

Hiram M. Chittenden, in his classic, *The History of the American Fur Trade*, states the "mountaineers who never quailed before a 'white bear' (grizzly) were completely unnerved by the sound of the stealthy rattle, and nothing in all their experiences was abhorrent as the suspicion that this subtle creature was creeping into bed, even if with no other purpose than to avail itself of the warmth of the hunter's body."

Parley P. Pratt related that, after traveling all day, he went to take his sleep on the ground "and was about to fall asleep; I turned to my side and made a slight movement in adjusting my wooden pillow, when I heard the well known rattle of a rattlesnake (eez, eez, eez) close by my side as if disturbed in his repose, or as if I had more than my portion of the bed. Said I, ol' friend, I'll not argue with you as my first mother did with your venerable ancestor,

and rather than quarrel or keep you awake, we will part.' With this I arose and very condescendingly sought out another bed . . ."

This peaceful approach to an encounter with a rattlesnake was very much in line with Joseph Smith's philosophy as stated after an incident in May of 1834. Joseph and a group of brethren were about to pitch their tents on the bank of a river when they found three prairie rattlesnakes, which the brethren were about to kill when Joseph said "Let them alone — don't hurt them! How will the serpent ever lose his venom, while the servants of God possess the same disposition, and continue to make war upon it! The brethren took the serpents carefully on sticks and carried them across the creek."

Later in the same month his exhortation was followed when "Solomon Humphreys . . . having become exceedingly weary, lay down . . . and fell asleep. When he awoke he saw, coiled up within one foot of his head, a rattlesnake lying between him and his hat, which he had in his hand when he fell asleep. The brethren gathered around him saying, 'It is a rattlesnake, let us kill it;' but Brother Humphreys said, 'No, I'll protect him; you shan't hurt him, for he and I had a good nap together.'"

However, this approach was soon to change as the Saints traveled from Nauvoo on their infamous exodus westward to the Great Salt Lake.

## Clayton Loses Horse

William Clayton tells of run-ins with these creatures. In one instance he relates that on April 25, 1847 "about nine o'clock Kendall, one of my teamsters, brought one of the horses into camp which had been bitten by a rattlesnake. His nose had begun to swell badly. We got some

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spirits of turpentine and bathed the wound, washed his face in salt and water and gave him some snakes master root boiled in milk." Despite these careful attentions, Clayton sadly reports that the horse died the next day.

William Clayton was not the only one to have his livestock fanged by a rattlesnake. On May 6, 1846 it was reported that "President Young's horse was bitten by a rattlesnake. Bro. Hendrick's horse died, which was probably bitten the evening before. Many horses have been bitten in camp and two have died. Several of Elder Kimball's animals have been bitten; he has doctored a little, but has prayed for them and they have recovered." This was not an uncommon occurrence.

Unfortunately, livestock were not the only victims of the rattlesnakes. William Clayton writes in his journal of the following incident of May 23, 1847. "About eleven o'clock Nathaniel Frairbanks came into camp having been bitten in the leg by a rattlesnake . . . He said that in two minutes after he was bitten, his tongue began to prick and feel numb . . . The brethren immediately applied some tobacco juice and leaves, also turpentine, and tobacco on his leg which was considerably swollen . . . He complains much of sickness of his stomach and dimness in his eyes. He appears to be in much pain." In this case, the young man survived the ordeal of both the bite and the cure.

#### Constant Fear

Rattlesnake encounters were a constant fear on the journey west, enough so that diaries rarely fail to make some note of their "lurking, making it necessary to use caution while passing through. As was succinctly stated by one diarist, "There are a great number of these snakes on these prairies."

On July 22, 1847 Orson Pratt reported to Brigham Young from Salt Lake Valley concerning Emigration Canyon: "Since that, we have opened a road through the kanyon where it is uncertain whether man or beast ever tred before unless it be a

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Murray SUP officers, left to right: William F. Smith, Arthur Sperry, Woodrow C. Dennett, Leo Christensen, John Utley, Curtis O. Hadlock, William D. Haslam.

## New Officers for Murray Chapter Installed at Banquet

On December 15th, the Murray Chapter met at the Heritage House for their Christmas Dinner and Party. The occasion was used for the nomination and election of officers for the year 1984, and to extend appreciation to the officers who did

bear or rattlesnake for we saw a bear's track and killed two rattlesnakes and one since we arrived in camp. Also one scorpion has been seen here."

There is no doubt the pioneers felt it important and were concerned enough with these creatures to mention them in their writings. Snakes must have been on their minds or at least in the back of their minds enough to warrant mentioning and warning others.

To the pioneer traveling and settling the frontier, the existence and danger of the rattlesnake was no tall-tale, but reality — many times, a cruel reality.

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such an outstanding job for the year 1983.

An excellent dinner was served, and we were entertained by four lovely ladies and their accompanist. They sang many lovely Christmas songs and recited appropriate Christmas readings. All in all, it was a lovely evening, and gave us all a greater appreciation of Christmas and the holiday season.

The following officers were elected for the year 1984: President, William D. Haslam; President-Elect, John Utley; Past President, Don J. Evans; First Vice President, Leo C. Christensen; and Second Vice President, Curtis O. Hadlock.

Directors are Arthur Sperry, William F. Smith; Treasurer, Woodrow C. Dennett; and Secretary, Jay Hadley.

We are expecting big things for the Murray Chapter in the year 1984, as everyone seems enthusiastic and indicates their willingness to be of service wherever required.

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# Larry Coates Lectures on "Indians and Mormons: Conflict and Coexistence"

by Craig Fuller  
City Creek Chapter

Wednesday evening, November 9, Dr. Larry Coates delivered a lecture on "Coexistence and Conflict Among the Indians and Mormons" as part of the SUP and Utah State Historical Society's 1983-1984 history lecture program being funded in part by the Utah Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. Coates, educated at Ball State University, is a member of the history faculty at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

At the time of the arrival of the first company of Mormons to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847 there were about 26,000 Indians living in the Great Basin. Much of their time was spent in gathering seeds and berries, and hunting small game. Indians of the Great Basin also traded with other Indians and furtraders for items such as guns, whiskey and horses which later were sources of conflict, said Coates.

By 1850, the Mormons had established 20 settlements in the Great Basin with a population of 11,000 Saints. This population explosion resulted in a loss of traditional food sources for Indians living in the eastern portion of the Great Basin.

Coates added that Brigham Young and other church leaders wanted to change the lifestyle and traditions of the Indians which was resisted and opposed by most Indian leaders.

## Gun-Trading Banned

In 1848 the High Council in the Salt Lake Valley forbade the trading between Saints and Indians of guns, powder, lead and other provisions of war. These items, said Coates, were critical for the Indians to maintain their lifestyle. But church leaders had little or no control over trade between Indians and between Indians and non-Mormons.

For example, in 1851, 20 Mexican traders from New Mexico entered the territory to trade guns and ammunition for Indian goods, but some of these goods turned out to be Indian slaves. Young ordered the Mexicans out of the territory. Eight remained to continue in their purpose. They were arrested and brought to trial. However, because of the circumstances they put forth in their defense, the court found them not guilty of trading for Indian slaves. Coates said that as a consequence of this decision, Young asked the territorial legislature to permit Mormons to purchase Indian children to protect them from slavery. This new law interfered with the trading activities of Wahkara and other Indians resulting in further deterioration of relations between the Saints and the Indians.

The whiskey trade and the granting of an exclusive charter for the operation of a ferry across the Green

## "Utah's Early Heritage" Lectures

Jan. 11	Randall Dixon
	"Great Salt Lake City: First Decade"
Feb. 8	Dr. Stanley Kimball
	"Immigration to Zion: Mormons/Indians"
Mar. 14	Dr. Ronald G. Coleman
	"The Making of Utah's Afro-Black Community"

River were other sources of conflict between the Mormons and the Indians said Coates.

Personal confrontations and disputations were yet another source of turmoil, often resulting in bloody retributions by both sides. The killing of livestock, the destruction of fences and crops were frequent occurrences. The theft of a shirt resulted in the death of 40 Indians. However, not all of these personal confrontations resulted in the loss of life on either side, he emphasized.

## Smoke Peace Pipe

In some instances Indian leaders invited the Saints to settle on their land. In June 1849, for example, an agreement was reached between Brigham Young and Chief Wahkara for the Mormons to settle in San Pete Valley. The smoking of the peace pipe by Heber C. Kimball and others consummated the agreement.

Brigham Young attempted to establish what Coates has labeled the "Indian Peace Corps." In some valleys land was set aside for the instruction of Indians in agricultural practices.

Coates stated that Young asked Congress to remove some of the more hostile bands from areas of Mormon settlement and the transcontinental emigrant trails to more remote and isolated regions of the Intermountain West. Once removed, however, the federal government should provide assistance for these relocated Indians. In 1861, Congress initiated the establishment in Utah of reservations for the relocation of Indians away from white settlement areas.

Two new policies were initiated by President Young following the conclusion of the Walker War to insure peaceful coexistence with the Indians. Coates emphasized that two policies were perhaps benchmarks in Young's relationship with the Indians. First was the encouragement of some of the men of the church to marry Indian women. This was not a successful policy, said Coates. Chief Wahkara and other Indian chiefs were not particularly opposed to the idea but did ask Young that they have the same privilege of marrying Mormon women. In one case Young called 60 men to enter into marriages with Indian women.

The second policy was the establishment of a women's Indian Relief Society Program. By 1854, said Coates, 20 such relief societies had been organized in the Salt Lake Valley. In one three month period the women of the valley provided over \$1,500 in clothing and bedding to the Indians of the area. As part of this program, Young encouraged the Saints to take in and educate Indian children.

Coates concluded his lecture suggesting that it was not easy for the Mormons and the Indians to live peacefully together. Both resisted change; neither wanted to change their traditions, customs and values.



## 1984 Seminar for Chapter Officers Scheduled Jan. 14

All newly-elected chapter officers for 1984 are invited to attend the annual SUP Chapter Officers Training Seminar Jan. 14 at National Headquarters Building.

National President Verl Petersen will direct the event, assisted by Dr. Orson D. Wright. Sessions will begin at 3 p.m. and a woman's program will be held for the wives of those attending.

A dinner and program will follow at 6:30 that evening.

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## S.L.C. Chapter Hears Satellite Age, Elect New Officers

by Bertram T Willis

Sons of Utah Pioneers' Salt Lake City Chapter elected the following officers and directors for 1984 on November 3, 1983:

Dr. Ray H Barton, Jr., president; Vaughn Wimmer, first vice president; Jack Ayre, second vice president; Eldred G Smith, third vice president; Seth W. Pixton, secretary/treasurer.

William Martell Hodson, reservations secretary; Joseph T Lindsey, LaMar Sainsbury, and J Clive David, two-year director, and Dr. Alfred M. Okelberry, Clifton N. Ottosen and Cliff Alsop, one-year directors.

The speaker at this dinner meeting was Kenneth J. Bentley, president of Bonneville Telecommunications Company, which was organized last July to utilize rapidly changing technology of satellite communications, computer applications, and global networking services. He stated that development of telecommunications is now phenomenal, yet still in the pioneering stages.

Holding a fist-sized model of the present eight-foot satellite transmitter, he described how the satellite is placed in stationary position, how small jets keep it in proper orientation, how thousands of photo-



Left to right: National Vice President A. C. Hull, 1983 President Melvin C. Cannon, National President Glen Greenwood, 1984 President Ben F. Turman and President-Elect Val Rasmussen.

## New Year Arrives; Annual Dues Now Due

With the coming of the new year, 1984 Chapter and National dues for all members become payable.

Life Members owe no national fees, but should pay annual chapter dues, as set locally.

All fees should be paid to Chapter Treasurers, with national fees forwarded by them to headquarters.

Annual dues for the National Society are \$15. Chapter dues are set locally.

electric cells on the satellite's surface gather solar energy, and how the amplified transmission blankets all of the U.S. and much of Canada and Mexico from 20,000 miles up.

But this technology has potential for great harm, as well as good. Since every child in America will be increasingly influenced by computers and other electronic technology, it is important that all citizens "get with it," for we are still pioneering.

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## Christmas Social Draws Temple Fork Guests

by Stuart H. Richards

The annual Christmas party of Temple Fork Chapter, Logan, was held Dec. 14 in the Sky Room at Utah State University.

Special guests included National President and Mrs. Glen Greenwood and Santa Claus.

Glenna Draper read a Christmas story, and the Kings Men quartet furnished music for the event.

Outgoing chapter president Melvin C. Cannon turned over the reins to Chapter President Ben F. Turman.

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## SUP Couple Marks 70 Years Married

SUP Life Member J. Homer Smith and his wife, Elizabeth Call Smith, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on October 8, in Fair Oaks, Calif.

He is a charter member of the Sierra Chapter, August 1967. The couple have lived for 52 years in Sacramento.

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## Death Claims Wife of Arthur Wiscomb

Sarah Wiscomb, 76, wife of a former SUP national vice president, Arthur Wiscomb, died October 29 in Salt Lake City. She was a member of Daughters of Utah Pioneers.





*Lynn Fausett's mural of the Ute Rangers, now on the north wall, SUP Pioneer Room. Formerly displayed in Harman's Cafe, Sugarhouse. Unveiled at dinner Dec. 3.*

## Galleries, Walls at SUP Building Adorned with Art of Pioneer Themes



*Giant painting by Richard Murray depicts Howard Stansbury, surveyor and Mormon friend at Black Rock, Great Salt Lake.*

*One of 17 panels in Pioneer Hall Exhibit by Ethel S. Paul from 1936 Pioneer Trail Art Tour.*



## Kentucky Fried Chicken Donates Mural to Sons of Utah Pioneers

*by John J. Nielsen*

A striking Lynn Fausett mural has been donated to the SUP by the Kentucky Fried Chicken firm. SUP has a deed donating this outstanding mural painting. It is 19½ feet wide and 6 feet high. Its substantial value will increase as the years come and go.

The expense of having this painting properly preserved and mounted was made possible by a substantial contribution from Pete Harman of the Kentucky Fried Chicken firm, as well as substantial contributions by members of the Ute Rangers.

The painting was processed by curators from Brigham Young University and was installed in September.

After this painting was delivered, Canyon Rim Heritage Chapter SUP had a project of providing molding and framework so that it could be located in the Pioneer Room.

Another contribution that has recently been made involves a beautiful wooden face for mounting a battery-operated clock. This is located over the window area on the north side of our Heritage Hall and was built and contributed by Arthus Bulkley of the East Mill Creek Chapter.

At the encouragement of Horace Sorensen, Ute Rangers became a Chapter of SUP.





Boy Scouts from Troop 929 during 15-mile hike with Capt. Merlin W. Kendrick, Company D, Logan, and Col. D. Wesley Reese, national commander.



Captain Grant Eastwood, of Mormon Battalion general staff, with historical marker erected by Scouts in northern Box Elder County.

## Battalion Utah Division Plans Tour to San Diego Ceremony

Each year the city of San Diego observes the January 28, 1847 arrival of the Battalion with special commemorative activities on that date in "Old Town Park," the site of the original San Diego settlement.

The soldiers of the Battalion were really skilled craftsmen whose abilities turned a frontier outpost into a strong community, and this day is to pay honor to those men. City and military officials participate in the program.

This year a special bus trek has been organized to take members of the Utah Divisions of the U.S. Mormon Battalion to San Diego to participate in the celebration and to travel to various historical points near the termination of the Battalion's march.

The trek will originate in Logan, on Wednesday, January 25 and will pick up Salt Lake participants. They will pass near the site of the Moun-

## Historical Marker Unveiled by Battalion Company D; Boy Scouts

A site on the Salt Lake cut-off of the Mormon Battalion trail was commemorated November 12 by Company D of the Battalion of Logan. Also participating were several General Staff members and Troop

tain Meadow Massacre, Snow Canyon and Pine Valley.

The following day will complete the trip to San Diego. Friday, January 27 will be spent in visiting Box Canyon, San Luis Rey and other Battalion historical points in the San Diego area. Saturday will be spent in participation in the formal activities of the day including a short parade in full dress uniform.

The group will attend church services on Sunday and will return to Utah travelling via Yuma, Arizona, Parker Dam and Lake Havasu City, stopping overnight in Las Vegas. Return home will be on Tuesday, January 31.

While this trip has been filled for some time, the Battalion extends an invitation to all SUP members to participate in their activities and future treks. Contact the Commanding Officer, Col. D. Wesley Reese, 852 Hillside Avenue, Logan, Utah for details on "Battalion" membership.

929 of the Bennion L.D.S. Ward of the Greater Salt Lake Council of B.S.A.

The scouts unveiled the historical marker at Sulphur Springs — now known as Belmont Springs and once also known as Udy Springs — near Plymouth, Utah in Box Elder County.

The Salt Lake Cut-off was an emigrant road from California to Salt Lake City. The discharged Mormon Battalion members traveled the route to Salt Lake City to rejoin friends and relatives they had left when the Battalion was called to serve the U.S. in the war against Mexico as the Mormons were crossing the plains.

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## Increased Cooperation Between Battalion and SUP Commended

by Col. D. Wesley Reese

We appreciate very much the support and cooperation of the SUP President, Glen Lloyd, and the board this past year in working out an agreement between SUP and Mormon Battalion for office space for the Mormon Battalion in the SUP building.

We feel that having the headquarters for both the SUP and Mormon Battalion in the same building will be of mutual benefit to both organizations. Many of the purposes and goals are similar or the same and 95% of Mormon Battalion members in Utah are also SUP members. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable relationship.

We have participated with the SUP in half of the cost of an outside entrance and stairway to the basement area where the Mormon Battalion office will be located. We have had several work days installing sheetrock on the walls of the office and storage room, hanging doors and laying carpet in the office.

All of the work for construction of the office and storage area is under the direction of project chairman, Col. Elmer B. Jones. He has done an outstanding job and we appreciate his leadership, time and effort.

We held our first staff meeting in our new office on Nov. 19, and were very happy to be there. We still lack office furniture, shelves,

typewriter, gun rack, etc. The staff approved a motion that day to invite all Battalion members and the auxiliary to participate in a one-time building fund project to obtain the funds we need to complete the office and furnish it.

We are not suggesting any certain amount, we would like to suggest you participate as couples and be as generous as you can. The closing date on this project will be July 1, 1984. Please write Building Fund on all funds and send them to our Finance Officer, Maj. George B. Everton, Sr., at 3259 South Main, RFD Box 42, in Nibley, Utah 84321. You are all invited to visit the Mormon Battalion office whenever you are in Salt Lake.

Another project we have started is to memorialize all the original Mormon Battalion, men and women. When this project is completed, there will be a plaque with all the men and women of the Battalion on it hanging in the hall with the rest of the Pioneers. Our share of the utility expense on the building is about equal to six Mormon Battalion memorializations a year.

To memorialize a Pioneer or Mormon Battalion member, the cost is \$100 per name. All the money for this project should also be sent to our Finance Officer, Maj. George B. Everton, Sr. Please contact your Company Commander or Division Commander for more information. Let's all get behind these two projects and give them our full support.

The staff and auxiliary wish to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very happy and prosperous new year.

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## East Mill Creek Hosts Jerold D. Ottley

by Darel P Bartschi

EMC members, wives and guests were privileged to hear some of the interesting and emotional events occurring in the travels and appearances of the world famed "Mormon Tabernacle Choir." Director Jerold D. Ottley related for the chapter many behind-the-scenes incidents in the very busy and productive schedule of this great missionary effort.

The choir touches unseen and unknown millions in most every country of the world in each broadcast. Their appearance in many of the great cultural centers of the world draws great numbers on each of their tours. Director Ottley recounted many very personal and moving experiences of the choir in their individual contacts with fellow travelers.

Victoria Morris, daughter-in-law of the late Emmett Morris, pleased our group with some very special vocal numbers. Appropriately, Victoria is a member of the Tabernacle Choir.

Carson R Healy hosted the April 18th meeting. EMC is concentrating efforts on being a 100% Life Membership Chapter — at present, 99 of our 132 members are Life Members.

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## EMC Mills Holds Thanksgiving Dinner Party

On Nov. 14, the East Mill Creek Chapter held a Thanksgiving dinner party, planned and conducted by Director Joel Anderson. Joel has been a great asset to our chapter, a Charter Member and a valued board member for three years who asked to retire from the board but will continue his membership with us.

Dinner was by Personalized Catering at Pioneer Memorial Building. The program included special music and an appropriate presentation by James Kimball.

Our Mills Chapter has given about \$800 in paint and labor in finishing off the basement of our building. Paul Symkoviak and Mark Reeve gave most of the labor. Many of us have donated three to five dollars to pay for the paint. If you have not, but care to, see Steve Neff.

Our Board Members who will serve in 1984 are Steve Neff, president; Mark Reeve, past-president; Boyd Russell and Paul Symkoviak, directors. The nominating committee submitted: President-Elect, Clarence Allred; Vice President, Everett Call; Secretary-Treasurer, John Traynor; two-year Directors, Wally Rosander, Julian Rasmussen, Dr. J. P. Hughes and LaMar Gardner.

## Steak Cook-out for Timpanogos SUP

by Floyd W Clegg

The Timpanogos Chapter of SUP met April 14, at the home of President-Elect George Tanner. A fine steak cook-out was enjoyed by all. Arthur Chapman reported on Fort Bridger trip plans and also gave a life sketch on his early pioneer ancestor, "Welcome" Chapman.

BYU Professor Alma Burton gave an interesting lecture on the Missouri period and the succession of the Latter-day Saints and Reorganized Latter-day Saints Church Presidency at the death of Joseph Smith. Brother Burton spent four years in Missouri and became well-acquainted with some of the Reorganized Latter-day Saints leaders and others of separatist groups.

Sadly we note the loss of two wonderful people whom we have been privileged to associate with in our Mills Chapter since its inception. Bryant O. Rigby has been a faithful member of our calling committee and we are grateful for his life of service.

Sarah Irvine Wiscomb has been known and loved by most of our group, most of our lives. She is the wife of Arthur Wiscomb, a Charter member. He has been on the Life Membership Committee of the National Association of SUP.

We express our love to Sylvia Rigby and Arthur Wiscomb and their families, and we surely hope we will continue to be blessed with their association in our Mills Chapter.

## Box Elder Sponsors Pioneer Story Fest New Officers Named

The Box Elder Chapter has completed the selection of officers for 1984. Carlyle Jensen became president of the chapter after the Christmas program. He has met with committees and made program decisions to prepare an ambitious, stimulating program for the chapter for 1984. His priority efforts now are to get his officers and several committee chairmen to the leadership seminar sessions.

The chapter has an aggressive committee directing the chapter achievement programs and is anxious to better last year's accomplishments.

One of the activities which has created much local attention has been the *Pioneer* story contest. The Box Elder High School, the Tribal Indian School and the Box Elder Junior High School English teachers encouraged the participation of the students. As a result, judges have been busy for several days selecting winners for each category.

Prizes were awarded to first, second and third place winners in each group. The stories will be presented by the *News & Journal*, our local newspaper.

The chapter officers and membership wish to congratulate the chapters whose officers prepared the stimulating record of the year.




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## Union Fort SUP Recounts Year; Look Ahead to 1984

We join in thanking President Glen Greenwood for his leadership, and especially for his support and encouragement to our chapter. To Glen Lloyd, past president, for the accomplishments he made while in office. Since the organization of our chapter we have been impressed with the caliber of the Sons leadership and expect great things of President-Elect Verl Petersen when it is his term to serve.

We are pleased that we have caught the Spirit of SUP and completed two major projects; one being the publication and selling of "A Union, Utah History," authored by Steven Madsen. With the help of our members we have just a few books left.

Another project we are very proud of is the beautification of the Union Pioneer Memorial Cemetery. We are thankful to all who contributed in any way to the success of this endeavor. Our officers have led the way; Oliver Carlsen, president; Don Green, past president and secretary; Steven Madsen, historian; Ron Walker, vice president and chaplain; Carl Johnson, director; Glenn Johnson, membership; Russell Smith, director; Joe Petersen, director; Claude Bird, publicity; Fred Dupaix, director;

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Left to right are Dr. Leonard J. Arrington, vocalists Dee and Nedra Pace, President Reed C. Jensen and National Vice President Sam Gordon.

Allen Howard, director; and Lavere Snarr, director.

We are gearing up for a banner year in 1984 and hope to have a new project in progress and push for more members to join our ranks now that we will be meeting each month at the Union Lion's Community Building. We have a large hall to fill and are issuing a challenge to all of our members.

We enjoyed preparing our display and participating at the 50th Anniversary of SUP. The displays were fantastic and we wonder how they could possibly outdo themselves next year.

We look forward to the '84 Encampment at Heber City, with it being closer to home we hope to have a good representation from Union Chapter. The Carl Johnson's are still talking about the great time they had at the Kanab Encampment.

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## Leonard Arrington Addresses Members of Three SUP Chapters

by Stuart H. Richards

On Sept. 29, 1983, Tremonton's Golden Spike Chapter of SUP hosted the Box Elder Chapter of Brigham City and Logan's Temple Fork Chapter. A lecture on Brigham Young's early life was presented by Dr. Leonard J. Arrington, Latter-day Saints church historian.

The event took place in Tremonton's First Ward Church. It was a most enjoyable evening for all in attendance.

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## Dr. Jan Shipps Lectures on B. Young - Animating Force

On May 10, at the Sons of Utah Pioneers building, Dr. Jan Shipps gave a lecture titled "Brigham Young and His Times: An Animating Force in Modern Mormonism." Dr. Shipps is an associate professor of history and religious studies at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Shipps obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado and has been a past president of the Mormon History Association.

Dr. Shipps said that she has read all of the literature from the early history of the church, and that after Brigham Young became president the usual story is to picture Joseph Smith as the genteel man and Brigham Young as the villain. The main reason for this was plural marriage. However, sometime around the turn of the century the literature begins to depict him as a significant American and Mormon leader. This view of him has continued down to this day. Brigham Young was viewed as the great colonizer and the organizer of Mormonism.

Many historians have seen Brigham Young as simply the follower of Joseph Smith. What we sometimes forget is that he was not a carbon copy of the prophet Joseph Smith, but his own man. Joseph Smith might have done the same things, for he preached many of the things that Brigham did, but he never lived to see it.

Dr. Shipps named some of the things that Brigham Young had accomplished. He was the great colonizer. He was the prime mover of the Utah Central Railroad, and many more things.

She then went on to emphasize two things: the leading of the Saints through the wilderness and the building of the kingdom. Using these two points she talked about Brigham Young in three levels: the practical, the experiential, and the symbolic. In the trek Brigham was the organizer of the wagon trains. He led the first company, told them when to camp, and when to establish winter quarters, and where they could find a place for their protection. He was also responsible for the saving of the Saints. He was a very practical man, a man who saw the problems and dealt with them.

The experiential level was those things experienced by Brigham Young and all the Saints. Their experience of traveling West was different than that of other pio-



*Dr. Jan Shipps*

neers. They were organized into 10s, 50s, and 100s. They were the Camp of Israel moving as a body. Prayer was a prominent point. Death was always near. The Saints trusted Brigham Young and if Brigham Young was satisfied, they knew that the Lord was pleased with them for he was the prophet of God.

The symbolic level was deeper. The Saints were re-living Hebrew history. They were the Camp of Israel. Moses and his people had done this before, and now they were called upon to leave their homes and flee into the wilderness in order to find a new promised land. The people of Israel had manna before. The Mormons experienced the Lord sending them the quail and the honey dew. The People of Israel had experienced crossing the Red Sea without getting their feet wet. The Mormons — at least a few of them — had crossed the Mississippi in the winter on the frozen ice without getting wet.

Brigham Young was not satisfied at getting the Saints across the wilderness, but he kept the experience alive through speeches. He reminded them that the pathway to the promised land was through the wilderness.

Dr. Shipps then went through the practical, experiential, and symbolic levels for the establishing of the kingdom.

She concluded her lecture with a comparison of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and those who came with Brigham Young. Because of the trail experience and the building of the kingdom, Utah Mormons had a deeper meaning. The R.L.D.S. never had this experience and never knew what this sacrifice meant.

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### Forest Service Retiree Wins Award

An amateur historian from Ogden has been presented with the second annual Dello G. Dayton Memorial Award by members of the Weber Historical Society.

James L. Jacobs, vice president of SUP, a retired employee of the U.S. Forest Service, was given the award of excellence in support of local history during the fall banquet at Weber State College.

In making the presentation, Historical Society President J. Henry Ibarguen said Jacobs' contributions to the society have spanned nearly three decades of membership.

He has served as president and a board member and held other offices.

Jacobs received an inscribed copy of "Quicksand and Cactus" by Juanita Brooks, winner of the 1983 Best Book Award of the Mormon History Association.

### New Life Members

No.	Member	Chapter
987	Foyer Olsen . . . . .	CC
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### Holiday Dinners and New Officer Slate for Temple Quarry

by Lawrence Ray

Temple Quarry Chapter SUP enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 10th at Murray Heritage Hall. Host couples, J. C. and Bertha Richards and Gene and Betty Newbold arranged the catered dinner and program.

National officers in attendance were President Glen Greenwood and Wayne Mallet. Several solos were presented by Susan Olsen. Richard Porter, from Highland High School Seminary, gave an interesting and inspirational speech.

On Dec. 8th, the chapter met again in Heritage Hall for their Christmas party. Host couples were: Clyde and Lorraine Beckstead and James and Gloria Ostler.

Invocation was offered by Elmer

## Chapter Eternal

### Howard Boswell

Howard Boswell, bishop of the University Second Ward (formerly Tempe 13th Ward) for the past six years, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 16.

The 59-year-old bishop is survived by his wife, Patricia, five children, and hundreds of Latter-day Saint singles whom he served as "father" of their ward.

His death came as a shock to his family and ward members. "It was very unexpected," Sister Boswell said. "He had no previous heart condition."

The Bishop was resting at home from another illness when the heart attack occurred.

The Boswells moved to Arizona 15 years ago from California. He has worked as a highway engineer for the federal government for the past 35 years.

In addition to serving as bishop of University Second Ward, he served as a branch president in Illinois, as a district president in Panama, as a bishop's counselor in California, as a bishop's counselor in the Tempe Fourth Ward, and as a Scoutmaster, stake missionary and high counselor.

Bishop Boswell was also a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Howard Huff Boswell is survived by his wife, Patricia, a member of the Tempe Stake Relief Society board; daughters Cindy Suman of the Santa Ana Calif. First Ward, Karen Gibbs of the Tempe Fifth Ward, and Terry Blair of the Ogden Utah 53rd Ward; sons H. Bruce of the Canberra Australia Branch, and Craig of the Tempe Seventh Ward; his mother, Armina Huff Boswell of Salt Lake City; brothers Calvin R. of Utah, Eugene of Oregon, George and Ralph of California; sisters Gladys Fredrickson and Maureen Gunn of Utah, Ruth Lambert of California, and Priscella Baird of Texas; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 21 at the Tempe Stake Center.

Jones, the flag salute was led by Lawrence Etherington, and the theme song was led by Thella Hunter, accompanied by Inez Barrus.

A catered dinner was enjoyed by 90 members, after which a delightful program was presented by the Val-Ida-Lin string trio. Members of the trio were Valeea Mangum, Ida Burrows, and Linda Curtis. They were accompanied by Chris Hansen.

Following the program, the slate of officers for 1984 was presented: President, James Ostler; President-elect, Charles Pitts; Vice President, Lawrence Ray and Lawrence Etherington; Treasurer, Reed Anderson; Chaplain, J. C. Richards; Historian, Leo Bigler.

Trekmasters, George Krebs and Fred McBride; Membership, Mont Margetts and Clyde Beckstead; Sunshine Lady, Dorothy Smith. Benediction was offered by Julius Geilman.

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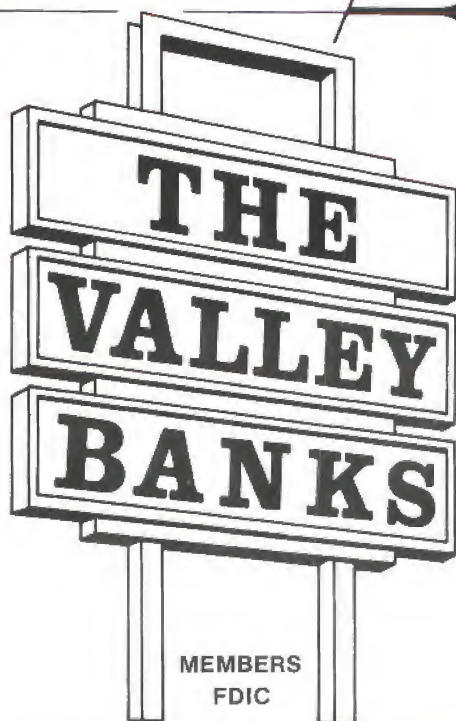
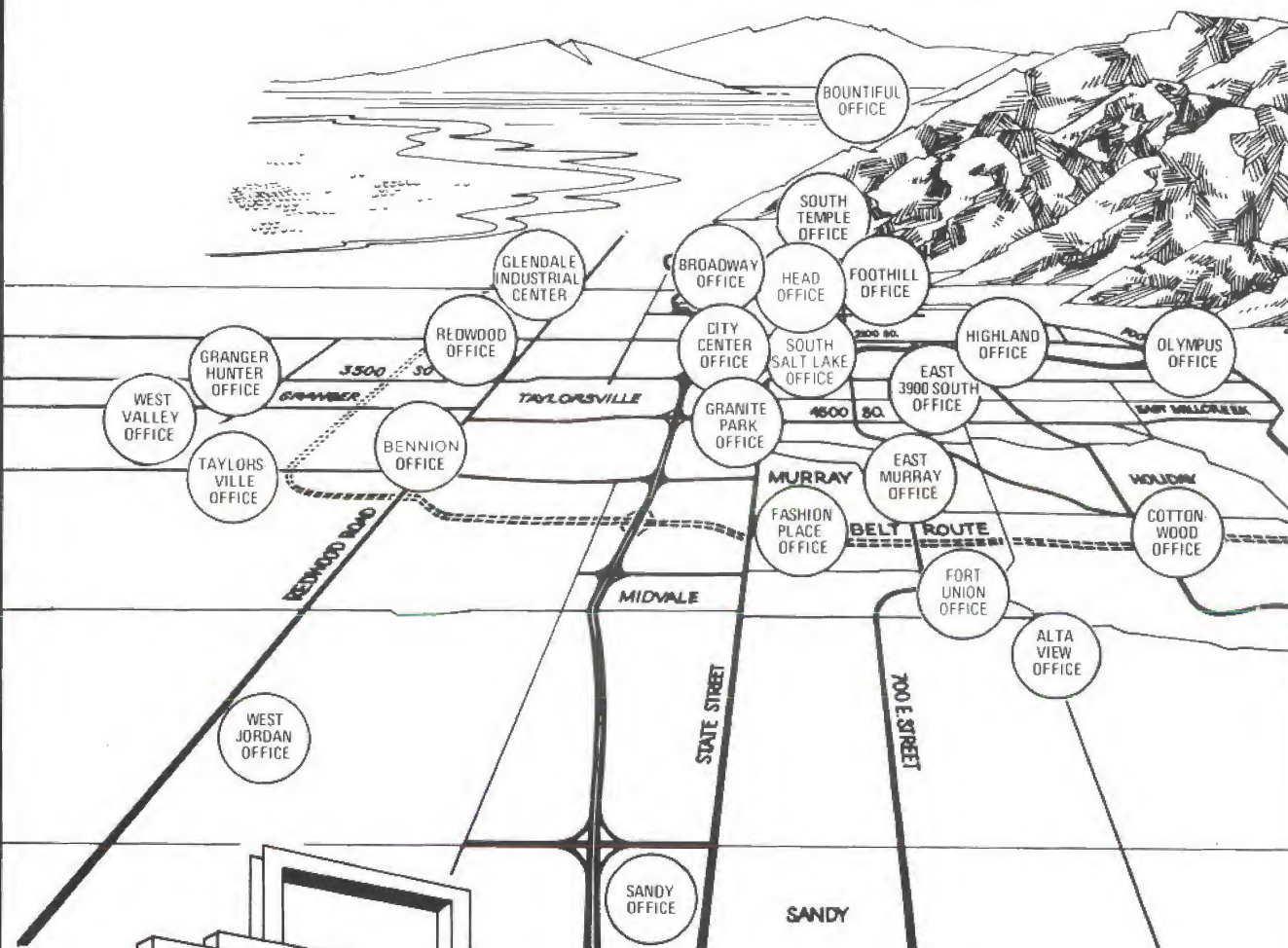
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